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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sirs,

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 210-241.

Remarks

In the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, the Examiner, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, restricted the invention into the following three groups.

Group I -- Claims 156, 163, 175-209 drawn to 3' amino acid substituted pyrimidine compounds/compositions, classified in class 536, subclass 28.4.

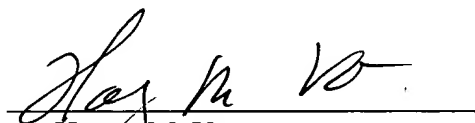
Group II-- Claims 219-231 drawn to 3'-amino acid substituted pyrimidine compositions in combination with one or more anti-hepatitis B virus agents, classified in class 514, subclass 49, 894.

Group III -- Claims 232-245 drawn to 3'-amino acid substituted pyrimidine compositions in various delivery forms, classified in class 514, subclass 49+ and class 424, subclass 464.



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